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Whitehall, February 25.

A LETTER this Day received by the Duke of Portland from Lord Milford, Lord Lieutenant for the County of Pembroke, dated Haverfordweſt, February 23, Five P. M. contains Information that Two Frigates, a Corvette and a Lugger, appeared off the Coaſt of Pembrokeſhire the 22d Inſtant; and on the Evening of that Day diſembarked ſome Troops, reported by Deſerters to be about 1200, but without Field Pieces.

It appears that the moſt active Exertions were made by the Lord Lieutenant and Gentlemen of the County, and it's Neighbourhood, in taking proper Meaſures on this Occaſion; and that the greateſt Zeal and Loyalty were manifeſted by all Ranks of People, who crowded to offer their Services againſt the Enemy.

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Orchard, commanding the North Devon Volunteers, to the Duke of Portland, dated Hartland Abbey, February 23, 1797.

I Think it my Duty to ſtate to your Grace, that I Yeſterday received an Expreſs from Ilfracombe, mentioning that there were * Three French Frigates off that Place; that they had ſcuttled ſeveral Merchantmen, and were attempting to deſtroy the Shipping in the Harbour. They begged that I would immediately order the North Devon Regiment of Volunteers under my Command to march to their Aſſiſtance. In conſequence of this Repreſentation, I ordered the Men to get ready to march as ſoon as poſſible. I have great Satisfaction in ſaying, that in Four Hours I found every Officer and Man that was ordered on the Parade at Bideford (Fifteen Miles from Home) ready and willing to march to any Place they ſhould be commanded to go to. I cannot expreſs the Satisfaction I felt on ſeeing the Men ſo willing to defend their King and Country, at the ſame Time as ſilent, orderly and ſober as might be expected at a Morning Parade of an old Regiment. The greateſt Exertions were made by *all* Deſcriptions of People to aſſiſt, and to render every Service in their Power. As I was preparing to march, I received an Account from Ilfracombe, that the French Ships were gone from the Coaſt, and that Tranquillity was reſtored again to the Town. How far the Report was well founded I cannot poſſiby ſay; but as this Affair may be miſrepreſented and exaggerated, I truſt your Grace will excuſe my troubling you with this Letter; and I flatter myſelf it muſt give you Pleaſure to hear of the Loyalty of this Neighbourhood, and that the Behaviour of the Volunteers and Inhabitants will meet the Approbation of His Majeſty.

* Theſe are the ſame Veſſels mentioned in the above Letter of Lord Milford.

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